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# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C0150025
Inspection Type:	COMPLETE
Inspection Date:	Thursday, December 02, 2004
Start Date/Time:	12/2/2004 9:08:00 AM
End Date/Time:	12/2/2004 11:30:00 AM
Last Inspection:	Wednesday, November 10, 2004

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Clear, cold; about 10 degrees F.

**Types of Operations** 

InspectionID Report Number: 471

Accepted by: whedberg

12/9/2004

Permitee: **CO-OP MINING CO**Operator: **CO-OP MINING CO** 

Site: BEAR CANYON MINE

Address: PO BOX 1245, HUNTINGTON UT 84528

County: EMERY

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

Cur	rent	Ac	rea	aes

3,336.18	<b>Total Permitted</b>
36.64	<b>Total Disturbed</b>
	Phase I
	Phase II
	Phase III

#### Mineral Ownership

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<b>✓</b> Federal	<b>✓</b> Underground
☐ State	Surface
$\Box$ County	☐ Loadout
<b>✓</b> Fee	Processing
Other	Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

There are no compliance actions currently pending within the Bear Canyon permit area.

The Permittee submitted the second quarter 2004 water monitoring information for the Bear Canyon permit area to the Division EDI site on October 1, with follow-up information on October 8, 2004 meeting the requirement mandated by the Special Permit Condition included within Attachment "A" of the current State permit.

This site received nine inches of snow on November 27, 2004.

Inspector's Signature

Date

Thursday, December 02, 2004

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Inspector ID Number: 46

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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#### REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
   For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
  - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	<b>✓</b>			
2.	Signs and Markers	<b>✓</b>		✓	
3.	Topsoil	<b>~</b>			
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	~		✓	
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	✓		<b>✓</b>	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	✓		✓	
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	✓			
5.	Explosives	✓		<b>V</b>	
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches		✓		
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments		✓		
8.	Noncoal Waste	✓			
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	✓			
10.	Slides and Other Damage		<b>∀</b>		
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation	<b>V</b>		✓	
12.	Backfilling And Grading	✓	. 🔲	✓	
13.	Revegetation	<b>V</b>		✓	
14.	Subsidence Control	<b>✓</b>		✓	
15.	Cessation of Operations		✓		
16.8	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<b>V</b>		✓	
16.t	Roads: Drainage Controls	<b>V</b>		✓	
17.	Other Transportation Facilities	<b>V</b>			
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<b>V</b>			
19.	AVS Check	<b>V</b>			
20.	Air Quality Permit	<b>V</b>			
21.	Bonding and Insurance	✓		<b>V</b>	
22.	Other			П	П

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#### 2. Signs and Markers

The Permittee has installed a telephone number on the Permittee identification sign located adjacent to the gate located at the terminus of the County road. The sign now meets the requirements of R645-301-521.243.

# 4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

All of the sites diversions were under frozen, compacted snow, which had accumulated from the previous event. None of the sites ditches were blocked by accumulation generated by the snow removal process.

# 4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

All of the sites ponds either had snow covered bottoms, or frozen surfaces. As of today's inspection, the Permittee had not conducted the Fourth quarter 2004 impoundment inspections for the sites. For the third quarter, ponds "A", "C", and "D" were inspected on September 29, 2004; pond "B" was inspected on September 15, 2004, following the sediment removal process. There were no signs of instability or other hazards reported during those inspections. The September 15 inspection of pond "B" will also serve as the annual inspection, and will be certified by a P.E. prior to submittal to the Division. This inspection will also serve to meet the requirments of R645-301-514.312, certification that the pond is being maintained as designed.

#### 4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

Other methods of sediment control which are utilized at the site include catch basins, straw bales, and silt fences. All of these treatment methods were buried or partially hidden by frozen compacted snow.

# 4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

As noted above, the second quarter water monitoring information for the Bear Canyon permit area was submitted to the Division EDI on October 1, 2004, with follow-up information on October 8, 2004. Third quarter information is due by December 31, 2004. Discharge monitoring reports for the months of September and October were reviewed for parameter exceedences and timely submittal. There were no outfalls from any of the four Bear Canyon permitted sites, (002A, 003A, 004A, and 006A). The September reports were completed on October 13, 2004; the October reports were completed on November 5, 2004, meeting the requirement for flow reporting in the current UPDES permit.

#### 5. Explosives

The Utah coal mine surface blaster certificate held by Mr. Kevin Petersen, the Permittee's certified blaster, is due to expire on January 31, 2005. The Division will hold a blaster certification / re-certification class in Price, Utah from January 10 through the 14th, 2005. It is anticipated that Mr. Petersen will attend that training.

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# 11. Contemporaneous Reclamation

Due to weather conditions, the reclamation / backfilling of the Tank seam access road (#2 Mine access) has not seen any additional progress since November.

# 12. Backfilling And Grading

See item 11.

# 13. Revegetation

See item 11.

### 14. Subsidence Control

The Permittee notified the Division on November 8, 2004 that it had not been possible to complete the aerial flyover of the #1 and #2 Mine area for the subsidence monitoring data collection due to weather conditions. Olympus Aerial surveys notified the Permittee on December 1, 2004 that it had been able to complete the Bear Canyon survey on October 16, 2004, but was forced to leave the area due to high winds prior to completing the Hiawatha flyover. Thus, Olympus should be able to provide the subsidence mapping for the Bear Canyon site.

# 16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing

Not all of the access roads at the site have had the snow removed. The access roads to the active mines were covered with frozen, compacted snow.

#### 16.b Roads: Drainage Controls

All of the sites roadway drainage controls were under frozen, compacted snow.

# 21. Bonding and Insurance

The Permittee's general liability insurance is due to expire on January 1, 2005, with no chance of renewal by the current provider. Mr. Reynolds indicated this day that the Salt Lake Office of C.W. Mining Company is still working on this issue.